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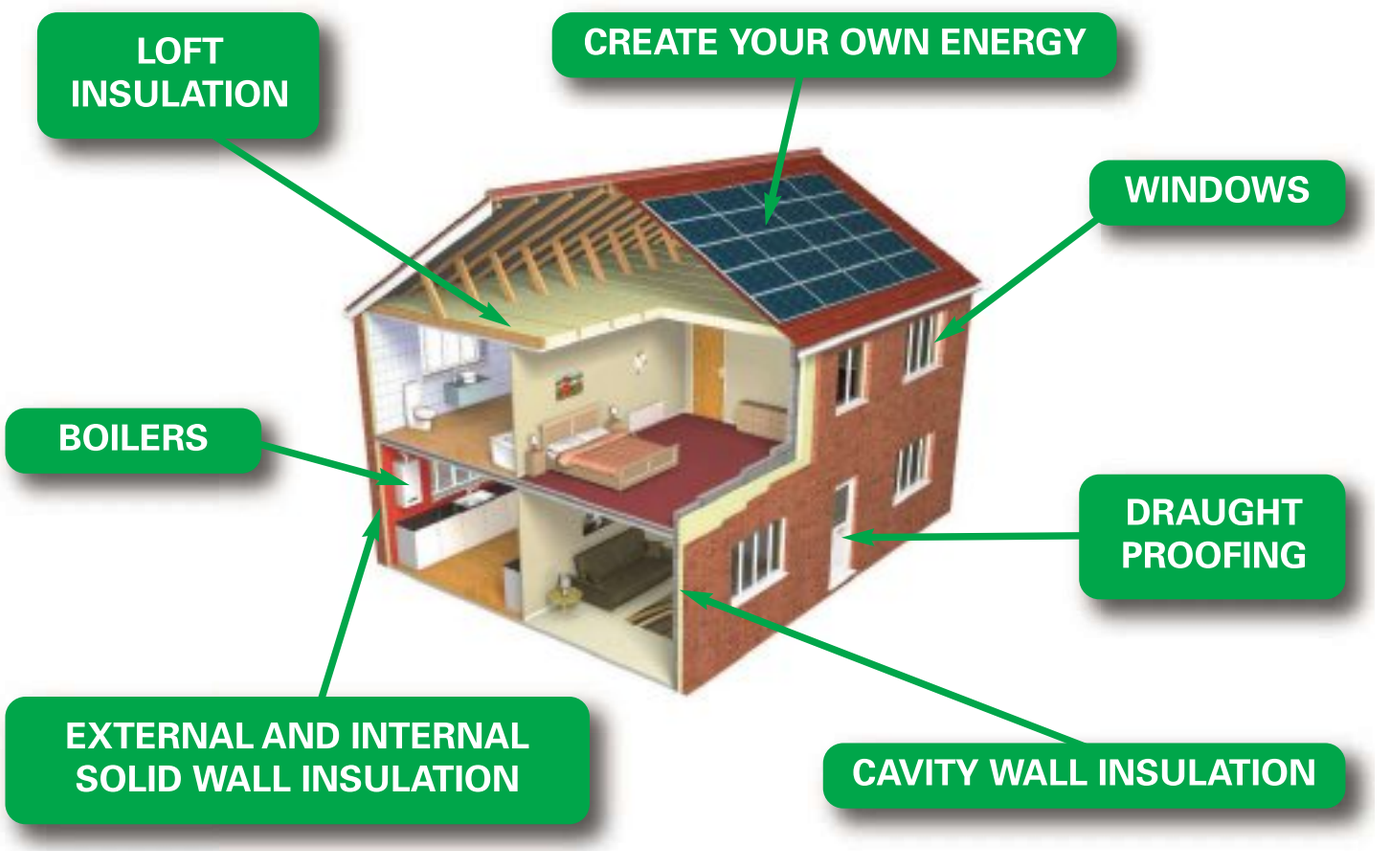

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One Direction star has a look-a-like

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It's Dolly's call to fans of 9 to 5

IT WASN'T girl power that hit Milton Keynes yesterday, it was slap bang, in your face, real woman power.

On a miserable, rainy Tuesday, the cast of 9 to 5, Dolly Parton's brand spankin' new musical production, belted out songs from the show; if the roof of the theatre foyer hadn't been so high, it would have lifted right off.

The show, a nostalgia trip in 70s rockabilly glamour, is coming to the city from March 4-9 but the stars were on hand this week to tell MK NEWS all about it.

Amy Lennox, Mark Moraghan, Natalie Casey, Bonnie Langford, and Jackie Clune, *left to right*, took a turn in the theatre box office proving that even actors sometimes have to work 9 to5.

Thieves jailed after £700k crime spree

BY ADAM GRINSELL

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A GANG of metal thieves has been jailed after a crime spree which left MK residents without telephone services and cost a city rail business hundreds of thousands of pounds.

Five of the gang were sentenced to a total of 12 years in prison yesterday after 47 attacks across four counties between May and August 2011.

That included the theft of 900 metres of BT cabling from the H7 Chaffron Way in Leadenhall on July 12, 2011, which left hundreds of customers without telephone services, and BT with a £2,800 bill.

The group all pleaded guilty to conspiracy to steal cable from the railway network on January 2 at Blackfriars Crown Court, as their attacks were also aimed at rail lines running across the country.

These thefts left city-based Network Rail with costs running into hundreds of thousands of pounds, for replacement cables as well as fines incurred to train operators as a result of delays, disruptions and cancellations.

In total, Network Rail and BT had to foot a bill of £715,000.

Christopher Cruz, 33, of Mellow Purgess Close, Basildon, was sentenced to three years and nine months. Simon Scott, 45, of no fixed abode but from Leeds, received three years and six months. Shaun Nembhard, 44, of Coopersales, Basildon, was sentenced to two years and three months. Bill Lee, 60, was sentenced to two years', in addition to a two-and-a-half-year sentence he is already serving. Kris Kreuder, 36, of Elizabeth Way, Basildon, was ordered to serve one year and four months in prison.

Sentencing for a sixth man, John Michael Newton, 36, from Newburyside, Basildon, was deferred until March.

Mixed results for schools in league tables

SCHOOLS in Milton Keynes shared mixed results after the latest league tables were published on Thursday.

The statistics, from the Department for Education, showed that seven schools in the city were above the national average, while six fell short.

This was based on the percentage of students who achieved five A* to C GCSEs in subjects including English and maths.

Top of the list came Ousedale School in Newport Pagnell. It charted an impressive score of 77 per cent, compared to the national average of 58.8 per cent.

Other schools which scored above the national average were Shenley Brook End, Denbigh School, Oakgrove School, Walton High, The Hazeley Academy and St Paul's Catholic School.

The latter scored highest in the number of students gaining the English Baccalaureate, a qualification which involves A* to C scores in English, science, maths, a language and a humanities subject.

Twenty eight per cent of St Paul's pupils achieved this, denying Ousedale, which scored 24 per cent, another top spot.

Bottom of the table was Milton Keynes Academy, whose score of 38 per cent was narrowly below the 39 per cent of Leon School.

But both could take positives from their results, with Milton Keynes Academy nearly doubling its score, and Leon improving by seven per cent.

All but three of the 13 secondary schools involved in the tables improved on their performances from last year.

The table also showed that schools under the local Milton Keynes authority were making above average progress compared to other authorities.

For more on the school league table results, turn to our feature on page 22.

Fernwood School Consultation Event

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Fernwood School will be holding a consultation event on;

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This event will give local people the chance to find out more about the proposed changes that the conversion to Free School status will bring. There will also be an opportunity to talk to staff from the Barnfield Federation and Fernwood School.

For further details about Fernwood School or to receive a copy of the consultation process letter and questionnaire please call **01908 583 541** or email **fernwoodschool@supanet.com**

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Mother and child hid in burglary

TWO 17-year-old boys have pleaded guilty to a burglary during which a woman and her young child were forced to hide in their own home earlier this year.

The boys appeared at Milton Keynes Youth Court last Tuesday, January 22, to admit the charge.

The two teenagers, who cannot be named for legal reasons, pleaded guilty to a burglary at an address in Linton Close, Heelands on Tuesday, January 15.

A mother and her four-year-old child were inside their house at the time it was burgled by the teenagers.

The mother discovered her property was being robbed and subsequently hid upstairs.

She then called the police.

DI Suzette Allcorn, of Milton Keynes CID, said: "We will continue to put pressure on burglars and pursue them tirelessly to put them before the courts."

The two 17-year-olds will be sentenced on a date that is yet to be confirmed.

Learn to skate with a Dancing on Ice star

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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ONE of the city's finest ice skaters is currently strutting her stuff on our TV screens every Sunday night on Dancing on Ice – and you could learn with her.

Vicky Ogden is the professional figure skating partner of funnyman Joe Pasquale on ITV's hit show.

And 28-year-old Vicky, who is from Milton Keynes, coaches at the International School of Skating based at Planet Ice in CMK. She is eager to pass on her wisdom to new skaters, young and old.

"It's never too late to learn," she told MK NEWS. "We take everyone and anyone of all ages. We take kids from 18-months-old in our toddlers' group – I've had some from that age who are now nine-years-old.

"I've got a group of kids that I've been working with for over ten years. That's lovely because I've been working with them from when they were small and I now have some about to take part in the British championship.

"And then we have retired people coming along to a coffee club some mornings.

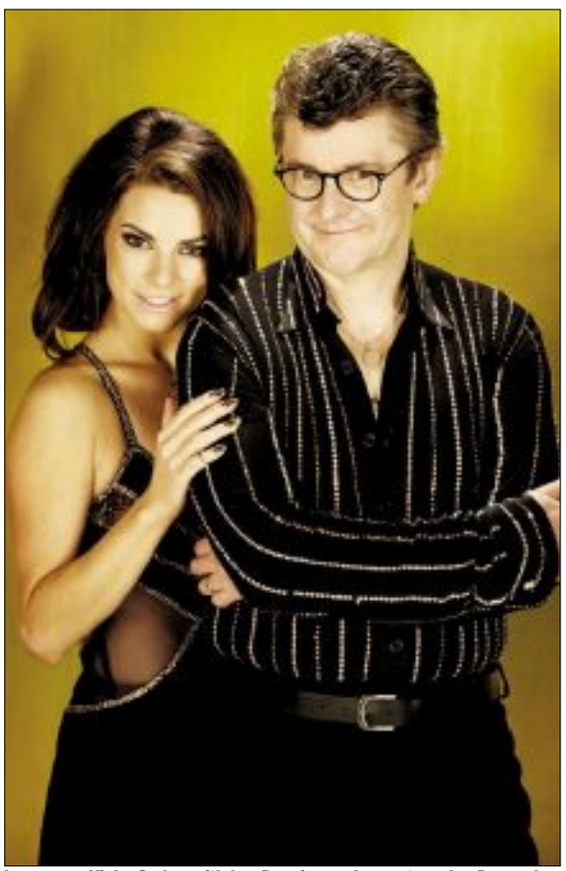
"I think sometimes people forget the rink's in Milton Keynes, and that's a shame."

Vicky started skating when she was six-years-old, and competed in her first British championship aged 11. She now travels the world in shows that includes her performing tricks with fire.

She started at Dancing on Ice when some of the kids she taught appeared on the show. Then Vicky began training some of the celebs. She first appeared on the show last year. "The first year I did it was with Andy Whyment from Coronation Street," she said. "He was very funny, very easy to work with. Now I'm with Joe Pasquale, and we've got exactly the same sense of humour.

"He's very keen. I think at his age the things he's doing are incredible considering he'd never been on the ice before."

For information on her skating school see www.internationalschoolofskating.co.uk.



Ice queen: Vicky Ogden with her Dancing on Ice partner Joe Pasquale

Inquiry into disabled access

ONE of the city's MPs has begun consulting on disabled access to transport in Milton Keynes.

MP for Milton Keynes South, Iain Stewart, sits on the Government's Transport Select Committee, scrutinising national decisions.

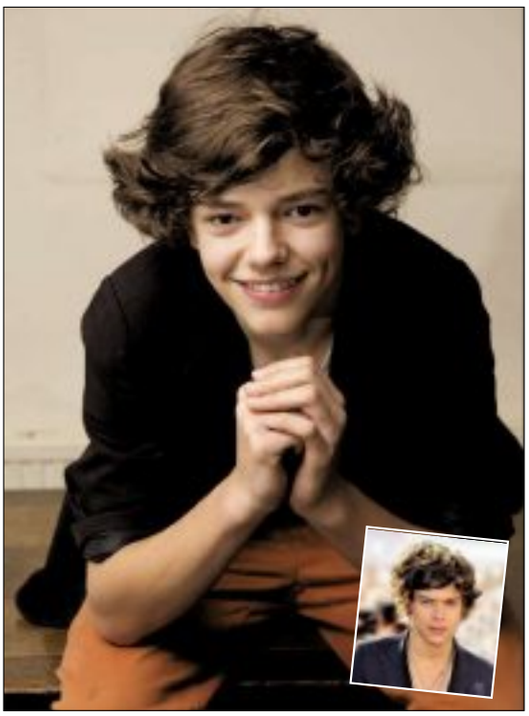
In March the committee will look into the effectiveness of legislation on transport for disabled people, and Mr Stewart needs local input.

He has written to the city's Physically Disabled and Sensory Impaired Consultative Group (PDSICG) to find out more about disabled access to public transport in Milton Keynes to inform the inquiry.

In a letter asking for the group's help, he wrote that he 'would be interested in hearing what works well and what doesn't work', and other areas the group feels the inquiry should consider.

Mr Stewart said: "Easily accessible transportation is essential for those with disabilities to lead a normal life. From my regular meetings with local disability groups, I know that there are areas that would be useful for the Transport Committee to consider during its inquiry."

Jacob's a Harry look-a-like



AN ORDINARY schoolboy last week became an overnight national sensation.

Fifteen-year-old Jacob Skelton first appeared on the front of a national newspaper on Thursday morning, before then being featured in other newspapers, appearing on ITV's breakfast show Daybreak, and even hitting the TV screens in America.

And that's all because he's the spitting image of Harry Styles, a member of internationally-renowned boy band One Direction.

Jacob, a pupil at Walton High School, now has thousands of fans on social networking website Twitter, with more than 20,000 now following the look-a-like's profile page.

After announcing he was going to be in The Sun on his Twitter page, he tweeted to some of his friends 'I can't believe I got on the front page!' He has since had marriage proposals from girls tweeting him on the website.

When asked by one follower if he personally thought he looked like the popstar, Jacob tweeted: "Not that much lol, I guess I'm used to seeing my face'.

He also told his followers that he had paparazzi taking photos of him.

Jacob said it all started when The Sun spotted his Twitter page, and asked to go and visit him.

Mirror image: One Direction's Harry Styles look-a-like Jacob Skelton Pic: Doug Seeburg/The Sun And the real Harry Styles *inset*

Council tax jibe dismissed in MK

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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COUNCIL leaders have dismissed comments by Government Minister Eric Pickles in which he brands them as 'democracy dodgers'.

In an interview with a national newspaper on Monday, the Secretary for Local Government said some councils in England were treating residents 'with contempt' by putting up council tax without a local referendum.

If councils raise tax by two per cent or more a referendum would be triggered. Mr Pickles criticised those looking to raise tax by a percentage just shy of this mark. The Milton Keynes Council proposal is for a rise of 1.95 per cent, which if agreed would be passed in February.

A pot of money is on offer from Central Government to councils as an incentive to freeze tax, but Mr Pickles revealed only a third of local authorities had taken this up.

City Lib Dem leader, Cllr Douglas McCall, has questioned why the Tory-led council has turned this cash down.

Budget councillor Edith Bald said if they were to accept the offer for the council tax freeze, it would lead to a £5million gap in the authority's finances.

She said: "We are thinking about the long term sustainability of our services.

"Out of 119 responses to the budget consultation so far, we have only had four against a tax rise."

Council leader Andrew Geary said he 'disagrees with Eric Pickles' as they have not shown contempt to residents.

"We want to maintain our services, and that comes at a price," he added.

"We are being open and transparent, we've launched a consultation which we are not obliged to do."

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Car stolen in burglary

A CAR was stolen after a burglary in Olney last weekend. Between 6.30pm on Friday and 3.40am on Saturday, offenders broke into a property in Elmlea Drive by smashing a patio door window. Once inside they stole jewellery, sunglasses and car keys. The keys were used to steal a car parked on the drive. The missing car is a blue Ford Focus, registration number LR58 XGB. Anyone with information should call 101.

Fire in lobby

TWO crews were called to tackle a fire in the lobby of Durrans Court, Bletchley on Friday. Firefighters used one hose reel, two sets of breathing apparatus and a thermal imaging camera.

New Look to open store at MK1

CLOTHING store New Look will be the latest to open at the new MK1 retail park on Thursday, February 7.

It will be joining Primark, Marks and Spencer, H&M and others at the shopping centre, in Denbigh, which all opened in recent weeks.

The shopping park next to stadiummk, owned by MK Dons chairman Pete Winkelman's company Inter MK Group, attracted thousands of visitors as stores opened in the run-up to Christmas.

MK1 held an opening weekend in December which included a performance by X Factor finalists of the same name, MK1.

Hut saves cash and revellers

CITY leaders have hailed the success of a project which keeps revellers safe late at night after it saved thousands of pounds.

Launched on December 8 in the Theatre District, the After8 Safe Hut worked in partnership with St John Ambulance in the festive period to offer pastoral advice, treat injuries and hand out freebies such as flip flops, condoms and bottles of water.

A total of 52 people were seen by St John Ambulance, meaning 34 people did not have to go to A&E saving £3,000.

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We need perspective on wind turbine plan

SIR – I write in response to Adam Grinsell's article, 'Wind farms plans dealt a blow by Milton Keynes Council' (www.mk-news.co.uk, January 24).

RWE Npower's assertion that MK Council has voted against an investment of £51million is simply ridiculous!

The materials used to build these wind farms will come from outside of Milton Keynes (with a large proportion from abroad) as will the construction companies and the associated services.

Profits from the operations of the wind farms will go to RWE Npower – a German-owned company, profits paid for by increased charges to UK electricity consumers. The tiny number of landowners who host the wind turbines will also do exceedingly well with estimated income of £10,000 to £20,000 per annum per turbine. Milton Keynes will get nothing!

The derisory annual amounts paid by RWE Npower – £5,000 to £6,000 – to local communities pale into insignificance when compared to the enrichment of the company and the landowners. Even these paltry sums will be eclipsed by the loss in Council Tax paid to MK Council by nearby residents who apply for relief to the Government's Valuation Office as a result of the fall in the price of their homes.

It is also extremely unlikely any local jobs will be created.

Perhaps Ms Lee of RWE Npower could clearly explain how she arrives at her figure of £51 million, the local jobs created, and the specific benefits to the local people.

What is certain, should the wind farms be built, is the destruction of the rural landscape and leisure amenities around Milton Keynes as well as the appalling impact on the lives of many nearby residents including the noise and visual disturbances.

It appears MK NEWS is not applying a very balanced view of the situation. Very disappointing.

Emma Lennon
Sent by e-mail

What kind of world are we living in today?

SIR – I had to write to you as I am still in shock at what happened to me and my 11-year-old son after I collected him from his school in Loughton.

As I was passing Denbigh School in Shenley Church End I noticed a youth holding a boulder/slab of snow above his head.

It was huge! He was stood by the kerb. I said to my son who was sitting in the passenger seat: "Surely he isn't going to throw it?" With that he did. I was forced to do an emergency stop as my whole windscreen was white. I couldn't see anything. I jumped out and approached the youth only for him to run off, leaving all the other children in hysterics. I was so shocked I shouted at them 'would they still be laughing if my son was killed?' Silence!

A lady who had just been dropped of at the doctor's surgery with her little girl came over to me and said that it had just happened to her in the taxi she was in. He threw it at the side window, upsetting the little girl and almost smashing the window next to the little girl. We both went into the school to complain. I telephoned the police who replied 'as no offence had been committed there isn't a crime'.

What kind of world are we living in? Does this mean that it's ok to endanger lives as long as you don't kill them? Thankfully we were okay, although it left me in floods of tears and my son couldn't attend his swimming class because he was still shaking and felt sick. He was very upset and couldn't believe someone could do such a thing.

Natalie Lewis
Grange Farm

One day Dons will be the football giants

SIR – I felt compelled to write to express my thanks to everyone associated with Milton Keynes Dons after the QPR game.

Saturday was a famous day in the history of our club and one we will clearly look back on for many years to come.

We travelled to London more in hope than expectation and when we went 4-0 up, I thought I was dreaming.

It was a performance of sheer quality and it feels ridiculous to say that we are now only two wins away from returning to Wembley. I have to keep pinching myself.

I think that the display on the pitch was matched by the display in the stands, with more than 3,000 cheering the boys on.

People often say that the club is going places and by walloping QPR we certainly proved that.

In a few years I truly believe that we won't be trying to be giant-killers anymore, we'll be one of the giants other clubs try to slay.

The potential here is enormous and the sky is the limit.

Dave Sherwood
Old Farm Park

Thanks to the gritting teams for their work

SIR – I know the snow has gone and we are now bracing ourselves for the floods – but I just wanted to say a word of thanks to the teams of gritters who kept the roads clear in the past week.

We had no trouble getting around Milton Keynes and from talking to friends it seems they had a similar positive experience.

So credit where credit is due. Well done to the council staff who helped us beat the freeze.

Gerald Davis
Bletchley

Mark's Monthly Focus

Mark Lancaster MP tries work experience

'I was surprised to feel so much pressure'

AS AN MP, you often hear people say 'you've got no idea what it's like in the real world'. In the past I've worked for my family business and served in the TA, but I want to make sure I stay in touch with what's happening on the ground in Milton Keynes.

Each month, I will take part in 'work experience' with businesses in and around the city. I'll report back to MK NEWS readers about the places I work and the people I meet.

Being a man who enjoys his food, I started my visits with a trip to the Kingston branch of Subway.

After meeting franchise owners Tesh and Vimal, I learnt about being a 'Sandwich Artist' from Siobhan Frazer, a Subway employee for more than six years.

I was completely taken aback by the precision of a sandwich artist; the 45 degree bread slice, cheese on the top meat on the bottom, wrapping it diagonally. I was surprised to feel so pressured when the queue was building whilst still trying to tell the wheat bread from Italian herbs and cheese!

Standing on your feet serving all day makes standing to ask a question in the chamber seem like a piece of cake. The stress of a job like this can go really unappreciated.

I was keen to find out the secret to Siobhan's dedication: "It sounds silly, but it's all because of my boss. When I had my little boy he made sure I could come back as a manager, and gave me the training and rope to climb the ladder. He has stuck with me."

I was so impressed by all of the employees' enthusiasm for the work they do. To me it just demonstrated the effect that great management and a strong ethos can have on the workplace, something I'll remember every time I go for my foot-long melt at the end of a hard day in Westminster.

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Damage: The driver of this silver BMW had to be cut from his car after the accident in Newport Pagnell

Car hits undertaker's shop

A DRIVER hit two parked cars before smashing into an undertaker's shop front on Monday.

The driver of a silver BMW went into HW Mason & Sons Funeral Directors on Newport Pagnell High Street at about 1.50pm.

It is believed the driver got into medical difficulties before the accident happened.

Four fire crews, one from Newport Pagnell, two from Great Holm and one from Bletchley, as well as police attended the scene.

Firefighters used hydraulic rescue equipment to cut away the roof of the car and rescue the driver from the vehicle.

The man was taken to Milton Keynes Hospital but his injuries are not thought to be serious.

The road was closed at 2.05pm before being fully reopened at 3.20pm the same afternoon.

Windows in the shop were smashed and a wall was slightly damaged.

Channel crews in at the deep end

BY DAN PALMER

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A TEAM of rowers who are preparing for an epic voyage across the English Channel includes volunteers who have never previously tried the sport.

Two boats of six, representing Milton Keynes Rowing Club and the MK Dons Sport and Education Trust (SET) will be making the 22-mile trip to France. But some of those going will be quite literally thrown in at the deep end.

Twenty-two-year-old Ash Whitmore is one of those who is new to the sport but he said he was excited about the challenge in front of him.

A gruelling training schedule is now under way ahead of the trip to the continent, which is planned for April.

"I'd never rowed before and you feel it in the morning," the health and wellbeing officer at the SET said.

"It's about finding the time to do more and more and have some time off."

One 'elite' boat will be aiming to break the current record crossing time of three hours and 44 minutes.

But after arriving in France they will have to hop straight on a support vessel to make the return journey, as red tape prevents them from entering the country.

"When David Walliams swam the channel he had to stand on a rock when he arrived!" Ash said.

"It means we can't go and buy cheap beers in Calais but that isn't the reason we are going."

The trip will raise money for the SET, city mayor Catriona Morris' chosen charity, as well as the rowing club.

A charity games night is being held to raise cash at the Red Dot Bar at stadiummk on Friday – for more information e-mail louise@rivett.me.uk.

MKNEWS BRIEFS

School raises a grand

MORE than £1,000 was raised for The Redway School over Christmas. The school was one of the beneficiaries of former council leader Sam Crooks' 'Black Santa' campaign at Christ the Cornerstone Church, and people were asked to 'colour in' a cardboard reindeer with their coins.

Parks trustees wanted

THE charity which looks after the city's parks and open spaces is appealing for two or three volunteers to join its board of trustees. The board for The Parks Trust sets the strategic direction of the charity and ensures it performs well. For information on how to volunteer see www.theparkstrust.com.

£300k for free efficiency surveys

THE city is set to benefit from a £300,000 windfall to improve the green credentials of homes and businesses.

Milton Keynes Council and the Knowlhill-based National Energy Foundation won a share of a £10million Government pot to boost the uptake of energy-efficient schemes.

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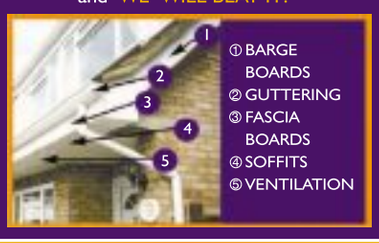

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Rise in homeless people on streets

Out on the street: The charity Open Door says there are more than 20 people living on streets across MK

BY JAMES AVERILL
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THE number of people sleeping on the streets of MK has risen significantly in two years, according to a charity.

Research by Open Door, set-up in 1987 to help the homeless, has found that there are more than 20 people living on the city streets, compared to four people two years ago.

The charity has said that more needs to be done to recognise the problems, and is this week holding Homelessness Action Week, which will have a series of open days and finishes with a concert on Saturday.

Jacqueline Longman is an advisor to Open Door, and says it is a problem that is affecting the city more than is appreciated.

"This week is aimed at raising awareness and showing people that there is a problem here in Milton Keynes.

"We want to find out why they are there and help them, because after all they are human beings."

Open Door relies on donations and funding to continue its work. Last year it operated on a budget of £30,000, half of which came from Comic Relief.

In partnership with the Faith Dimension church in Wolverton it holds soup suppers every Tuesday, and as part of the action week held an art and crafts workshop as well.

One man present was Tim Mealing, who moved to MK in 1999 and found himself homeless just seven years later.

"I was £40,000 in debt, homeless for years and at the lowest of the low," he said.

"But since coming to Open Door in 2008 they have helped me, and I am now studying courses so I can get a job.

"I think it's important to raise awareness of homelessness, because it could happen to anybody at any time."

Tim will also play a starring role in the finale of the week, when his choir, assembled of homeless people, perform in Saturday's charity concert at the Jesus Celebration Centre.

MKNEWS BRIEFS

Burglars force door

A BRACELET, watch, camera, BlackBerry Playbook, perfume, and cash were taken in a burglary in Stantonbury last week. Between 8.15am and 3.30pm last Wednesday offenders broke into a property in Walsh's Manor by forcing open the front door with a tool. Anyone with information should call the police on 101.

Santa Float raises £6k

ALMOST £6,000 has been donated to charities and other organisations following the annual Wolverton and Stony Stratford Santa Float. A total of £5,845 was presented to Willen Hospice, Wolverton Scouts, Two Mile Ash Guides, Inner Wheel Club of Wolverton, the Association of Young People with ME, MK Act, Climb Your Mountain, MK Food Bank and St Mary & St Giles School in Stony Stratford, in a special ceremony held at Novotel in CMK last Tuesday.

Car 'cat' thefts are a problem warn police

MILTON Keynes has a serious problem with the theft of catalytic converters from cars.

That is the verdict of Detective Inspector Ian Wood, who is heading Thames Valley's Operation Tornado, which aims to reduce metal thefts.

He said: "One area Milton Keynes is struggling to contain is catalytic converter thefts, particularly in dwellings. It looks like a very organised criminal group."

A 'cat' as they are often called, is found underneath a car and reduces harmful exhaust gases. Used 'cats' can fetch more than £100 on the scrap market.

There have been a series of thefts in MK during the last year.

£80k to city sports facilities

TWO organisations have been given large grants to improve their sporting facilities.

Bletchley Rugby Club and North Crawley Parish Council have each been given a share of £2.9million National Lottery funding as part of an Olympic legacy programme.

Bletchley Rugby Club has been given £50,000, and North Crawley Parish Council has been granted £27,870.

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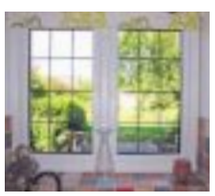

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Road accidents double after snow

BY DAN RAWSON

We have just come out of a cold snap that brought snowy and icey condition with it.

Insurers advised that road accident claims have, in the past, nearly doubled after snowy conditions. In many cases it is not vehicle collisions during the bad weather, but damage caused by potholes when the snow and ice have melted away.

The kind of damage that can be caused by a pothole.

Potholes develop when cracks in the road fill with water, which expands when it freezes. After two cold winters, the government commissioned a Potholes Review in 2011 and allocated an extra £200 million for local highway authorities, citing a 'significant increase in the number of potholes on the already fragile local highway network'. Yet this figure is dwarfed by a backlog of road maintenance that runs into billions.

The typical damage caused by potholes are things like buckled or even cracked wheels, broken suspension and alignment issues. If you have been unfortunate enough to hit a pothole it maybe worth reporting it via the council's websites. When you make a report, include all the supporting evidence you can, such as photos of the pothole and damage to your car. If the council knew about the pothole but hasn't repaired it, or hasn't followed road maintenance guidelines, you should be able to claim.

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Khat ban dealt a blow by experts

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A CITY MP has requested a meeting with the Home Secretary after his campaign to have a drug banned suffered a setback last week.

Mark Lancaster, MP for Milton Keynes North, said he will now be speaking with Theresa May within the next few weeks over the issue of legal drug khat.

The leafy plant is used widely in certain estates in Milton Keynes, mainly by members of the Somali community.

The plant, a stimulant, is chewed to achieve a mild euphoric feeling.

Mr Lancaster has been campaigning for seven years to have the drug criminalised, as he says it is having a negative effect on those communities in which it is used.

But on Wednesday the Drugs Advisory Council announced it would not recommend the Government make it illegal.

In its report to the Home Secretary, the council said: "On the basis of the available evidence, the overwhelming majority of council members consider that khat should not be controlled under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971.

Campaigner: MP Mark Lancaster

"In summary, the reason for this is that, save for the issue of liver toxicity, although there may be a correlation or association between the use of khat and various negative social indicators, it is not possible to conclude that there is any causal link."

Mr Lancaster said: "It's important to remember the council mainly looked at the health aspects of khat.

"They did acknowledge there have been cases of liver toxicity, but they didn't think there was overwhelming evidence for a ban. But the principle problems for the community are the effects khat's having on family and community breakdown."

The final decision on whether khat should be made illegal will be made by Home Secretary Theresa May. If she fails to do so, the UK will be the only country in Europe where the drug remains legal.

Mr Lancaster added: "I'm confident the Home Secretary will still take action on khat when she looks at the evidence in the round. We are now out of step with Europe on this. I think the Home Secretary will look at the possibility of the UK being used as a hub to export to the rest of Europe."

Mr Lancaster is still confident a ban will be enforced, adding: "There's been a move towards banning it over the last seven years, that's very clear."

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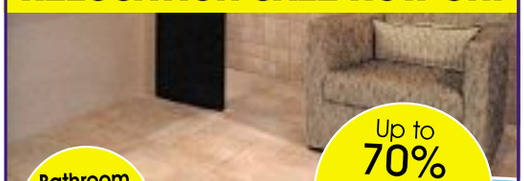

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DOZENS of people turned out to find out about a proposed quarry on Thursday.

The Parks Trust and Hanson held the exhibition in Wolverton on Thursday to display plans for the aggregate quarry which could be built between New Bradwell and Haversham.

Around 60 people quizzed representatives about lorry movements, noise, and public access to the site at the end of the project. Once quarrying has finished, it will be turned into grassland and a lake.

Trio charged with Joe Kent murder

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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THREE men have been charged with the murder of 24-year-old Joe Kent earlier this month and appeared in court on Monday.

Samir Bostan, 25, of Wolston Meadow, Middleton, Tariq Bostan, 26, of Sarum Road, Luton, and Hamza Noor, 22, of Ranelagh Road, Wembley, are all charged with murder and actual bodily harm after the incident outside Xscape in the early hours of Sunday, January 13.

Mr Kent, a tattooist, died two days later at Milton Keynes Hospital one day before his 25th birthday.

On Monday, at Luton Crown Court, the three accused made an appearance for a preliminary hearing. They appeared in the court in front of a packed public gallery. As they entered the dock they smiled at their families, and blew kisses at them as they were taken back into custody.

The three men, who were all dressed in suits, spoke only to confirm their names. They were remanded in custody.

All three had initially been charged with GBH, but the charges were reviewed by the Thames and Chiltern Crown Prosecution Service following Mr Kent's death, and they have now been charged with murder.

A plea hearing will be held at Luton Crown Court in April, and a provisional trial date has been set for July should they plead not guilty.

Mr Kent's inquest was opened on Friday, January 18, and will reopen in June.

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Petition to 'save' market in CMK

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A PETITION to 'save' the market in CMK has been started – and got more than 2,000 signatures on its first day.

Traders working at the market underneath Secklow Gate bridge have started the petition in response to plans to build a space for Primark in thecentre:mk.

If the planning application is given the green light at a meeting next month, the market will be moved from its current location to a site just to the west, adjacent to Lower Tenth Street.

The application states 'the relocation of the market will result in an enhanced and more visually prominent location' with other benefits such as a waste compactor and toilets.

But traders disagree. Elizabeth Hobbs, who has worked at MK market for 20 years, is one of those behind the paper petition which raised 2,065 signatures on its first day and has now passed 4,000.

She said: "If we are moved it really will be the death knell for the market. We were previously temporarily moved for repaving for a few months, and lost a huge amount of trade.

"If they move us you can just say goodbye to the market."

Traders are hoping for 10,000 signatures before they submit the petition in two weeks' time.

A second petition has been started on Milton Keynes Council's website, which will trigger a debate at the council should it reach 1,000 signatures.

Also, thecentre:mk has collected more than 9,000 signatures in favour of the development.

Petitioning: Market traders in CMK are collecting signatures ahead of a planning meeting next month

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Cash: Staff Tracy Rutherford and Tracey Payne at the hospital

Hospital given £74k maternity unit boost

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The cash comes from a £25million pot on offer to birthing units across the country and was awarded to the city facility after a successful bid.

Improvements the funding will help pay for include an additional birthing pool, cribs that clamp to beds and mobile reclining chairs for fathers.

Only use A&E for real emergencies

BY JAMES AVERILL
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PATIENTS with minor injuries are being urged not to visit hospital Accident and Emergency departments.

NHS Milton Keynes and Northamptonshire has launched its 'Choose Well' campaign, which is aiming to reduce the number of people who go to A&E for minor injuries.

A survey carried out last year by the group found that of those admitted into A&E, one in five patients could have visited their GP, or used the Urgent Care Service instead.

Other findings were that while 94 per cent of those visiting were registered with a GP, only 14 per cent tried to contact them prior to going into A&E.

Greg Keetch, operations manager for emergency care, was keen to re-inforce the message.

"If you do fall ill or need treatment, make sure you choose well," he said.

"You can self care if the ailment is manageable at home, or visit your local pharmacy for advice about colds, tummy bugs or medication.

"If you pick up a minor injury, pop along to the Urgent Care Centre on the hospital campus. You should only visit A&E in an emergency."

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Kids net £9k grant to level bumpy pitch

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A KIDS' football team is celebrating after raising the cash to upgrade their football pitch – but now they need a new temporary home.

Woburn Lions Football Club, which plays at Wavendon Recreation Ground, has been awarded £9,000 to level its bumpy pitches.

Team manager Robert Hill said: "It's a lovely place to play, nice and tranquil with good parking, but there's terrible undulation which when you are trying to teach kids to kick a ball can be quite difficult.

"So the kids are pleased with the news."

The money was granted to the team by WREN, a not-for-profit company that gives small amounts to organisations which benefit the community and fall within ten miles of a FCC Environment landfill site.

Peter Cox, managing director of WREN, said: "The Wavendon Recreation Ground surface levelling project will provide a fantastic space for local people to get outdoors and have some fun.

"We're delighted to support Woburn Lions FC to make this happen and look forward to the final completion of the project next year."

The team had to show there was good support from the community, and organised a petition, knocked on doors and held a fun day.

Work is now expected to start in March, and it will take 12 months for the ground to settle.

In that time, the three under-eights boys teams will become homeless, and are looking for somewhere to host matches.

It could already be a football pitch, or a field with nearby storage for the goals.

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CCTV picture: Police want to speak to this man in connection with an assault

Police urge man to come forward

A CCTV image has been released of a man police want to talk to in connection with an assault.

Police say that during the incident at Tesco in Springfield on Saturday, October 13 at 12.13am, a taxi driver was punched in the face after an argument over a fare.

The victim needed treatment at Milton Keynes Hospital after suffering bruises to his eyes and chest.

The police have urged the man, and anyone else who may have information, to contact them on the non-emergency number 101.

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Video will show off MK sights

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A VIDEO has been produced to promote the wide range of leisure activities that are on offer in the city.

A joint initiative between Destination MK (DMK) and Milton Keynes Council, the video shows a family visiting the city and discovering just how much there is to do.

The aim is to show the number of different activities that are accessible for a range of age groups. The real-life family, who come from Milton Keynes, features two children, parents and a grandma touring the city to visit a number of different attractions and experiences.

The video begins with the father and daughter trying out wakeboarding, while the mother and son cycle some of the redways. The whole family moves on to Bletchley Park and then throughout the video they take in Milton Keynes Theatre, a game at MK Dons, MK Gallery, Gulliver's Dinosaur Park, MK Museum, thecentre:mk, take a trip on the canal, a walk through Campbell Park, the sculpture trail and The Hub.

Marketing manager at DMK, Carys Underwood, said: "Sometimes people forget what's on their doorstep but also what is available within the region and MK has a huge potential market within just one hour's drive.

"Encouraging visitors to come for a day trip or longer break can help the important visitor economy."

The video is on the DMK website www.destinationmiltonkeynes.co.uk, MK Council website www.milton-keynes.gov.uk, promoted via social media pages, and by searching 'Milton Keynes Leisure Video' on YouTube.

Happy family: The group enjoys a day out seeing everything Milton Keynes has to offer

Jack and Jill at Baptist Church

A TOWN'S baptist church has welcomed a new minister and his wife.

Rev Jack Walker and his wife Jill will be making Newport Pagnell their home after moving from Havant, where Jack was minister of Leigh Park Baptist Church.

Rev Walker's induction service will be at Newport Pagnell Baptist Church on February 2.

He has experience of planting churches, mentoring new ministers and community engagement, and has worked on sabbatical in Tanzania and Zimbabwe.

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WITCH sets a world record

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IT'S official – the world's oldest working computer, called WITCH, is right here in Milton Keynes.

On Thursday The National Museum of Computing (TNMOC) announced the Harwell Dekatron, which is based in the museum, has been recognised by Guinness World Records as the oldest original working digital computer on the planet.

Made in 1951 the Harwell Dekatron, also known as WITCH, was lovingly recovered and restored by a team at the museum at Bletchley Park after being discovered in storage in Birmingham. The reboot took place on November 20 last year.

Kevin Murrell, a trustee of TNMOC and the person who initiated the recovery of the 61-year-old, said: "We are delighted with the recognition by Guinness World Records for the Dekatron.

Old WITCH: The Harwell Dekatron at Bletchley Park

"Today the fully-functioning computer is proving a hugely popular attraction at TNMOC and invaluable in teaching our stream of educational groups about their computing heritage."

It is the second time Guinness World Records has recognised the computer. The first was in 1973 when it was acclaimed as the 'world's oldest operative computer' just before it was decommissioned at Wolverhampton and Staffordshire Technical College.

Delwyn Holroyd who led the restoration team said: "It took three years of dedicated work by volunteers to restore the Harwell Dekatron. We have been overwhelmed by the global interest in the machine."

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Wind farm plans are dealt a blow

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THE company behind plans for two major wind farms near Milton Keynes says the council has voted against an 'investment of up to £51million'.

RWE npower renewables wants to build five turbines up to 127-metres-tall on land between Haversham and Little Linford, to the north of the city, called Orchard Way. It also wants to build Nun Wood, a 12-turbine wind farm near Bozeat on the border of Milton Keynes and Northamptonshire.

Milton Keynes Council's planning committee met last Tuesday night to discuss the proposal. Although they could not make a decision on whether to refuse or approve the application, councillors in the committee voted to oppose both schemes by a majority of five to four.

The ultimate decision on both applications will be made by the Planning Inspector after a public inquiry. The inquiry for the Haversham scheme will be held on July 23, with the Bozeat inquiry taking place on June 11-21.

Wind: RWE wants to build turbines like these around Milton Keynes

If the schemes are both given permission, the company says it could mean £51million for the region.

Project developer Sarah Lee said: "Whilst we are disappointed with the final decision we are very pleased that just under half of the planning committee can see how a wind farm in this location could bring many benefits both to the environment and through multi-million-pound investment to the local community.

"If both Nun Wood and Orchard Way wind farms are approved, this could mean an investment of up to £51million over the lifetime of both wind farms.

"We strongly believe these are well designed wind farms in suitable locations. They could help the fight against climate change and unlock significant opportunities for local and regional businesses, while securing energy supply for the future.

"The decision-making process in relation to Orchard Way and Nun Wood is still open."

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Heads react to school

BY JAMES AVERILL
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WHEN the Department for Education published its league tables on Thursday morning, headteachers from across Milton Keynes rushed to see the results.

The overall picture for Milton Keynes was promising. Seven of the city's schools scored above the national average of 58.8 per cent for the number of children passing five A* to C GCSEs, including Maths and English.

One headteacher who will have been particularly delighted with what she saw is Sue Carbert.

Sue is the head at Ousedale School, which according to the statistics topped the tables in MK with a strong set of results.

Ousedale had 77 per cent of students passing five A* to C GCSEs, including English and Maths.

It edged out Shenley Brook End School, and Denbigh High School, which had 76 and 75 per cent respectively, and Sue said the figures were down to hard work from teachers and pupils.

"This is my first set of results as headteacher, so I am absolutely delighted," she said.

"We are top of the MK charts not just for A-Levels, but also for GCSEs which we had never achieved.

"They all worked very hard. We tried to change the culture of the school, and we have a little motto: 'aspire, believe, achieve'.

"We try hard to make the kids believe that they can be successful. The results are in the top six per cent of the country."

As with any league table, somebody must finish last, and this year that place is occupied by The Milton Keynes Academy in Leadenhall.

But a closer look at their results shows that the academy is also the most improved school under the local authority.

Delighted: Ousedale's Sue Carbert

They almost doubled the number of students passing five A* to C GCSEs, including Maths and English, rising from 20 per cent last year to 38 per cent this year.

The principal of the academy, Dara Carroll, is firmly focusing on the many positives that were shown in the results.

He said: "You can look at the data any way you like. Some people will say that we are the worst school in the city, but I prefer to say that we are the fastest improving school in the city.

"League tables can show you figures and trends, but they don't show you context."

The sponsored academy was built in 2009 as a replacement for the Sir Frank Markham School, and since then has markedly improved its results each year.

"This school only has three years of history," said Dara.

"We had an Ofsted inspection last March, and people thought we would go into special measures. But the inspectors saw enough evidence that we were changing, and we were deemed as satisfactory which was the most we could probably get."

Principal Carroll joined the academy in October 2011, and following a promising first year, was appointed permanent headteacher in September 2012.

He says that his aim is to serve an area that is one of the most underprivileged in the city.

"Academies were put in the

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league table results

Dara Carroll, the principal of Milton Keynes Academy, which is the fastest improving school in the city

heart of the most deprived areas," he said.

"As the only sponsored academy in Milton Keynes, we are in the right area to make a positive difference.

"Thirty seven per cent of our children have English as an additional language, and 51 languages are spoken in the school.

"When I first arrived I met a Year 10 who said that he had a poor house, a poor life and a poor education. What we have tried to do since then is say that life doesn't have to be that way.

"For a long time in deprived areas, there was an acceptance in the community that the school wouldn't do well.

"Life is not like that any more. Schools should raise standards to give kids a chance of improving their working lives."

Like Ousedale, the academy has a motto: 'Everyone achieves'.

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Landmark WI opens its doors in Beanhill

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A NEW branch of the Women's Institute (WI) is being hailed as the first of its kind to open in a 'socially deprived' area of the country.

The Woughton WI, based at the Moorlands Centre on Dodkin in Beanhill, opened its doors for the first time last Monday and now members are hoping that it will go from strength to strength.

Kat Newman, a community mobiliser for Beanhill, said it would be the first WI in a socially deprived area as women in similar areas hadn't set one up.

"It's very impressive and something we should be proud of," she said.

Newly appointed chairman Pauline Eddy said: "The community has really got behind our idea for a Women's Institute.

"It is bringing women of all ages out of their houses to join in the fun.

"Many women have a preconceived idea of what a WI might be like and might feel like it's not suitable for them.

"But we have all been very pleasantly surprised."

A new committee has been appointed at the WI, who are determined to create a group that caters for the interests of its members while keeping with the Institute's traditions.

The organisation was formed in 1915 as part of a bid to revitalise rural communities and to encourage women to become more involved in producing food during the First World War.

Since then the aims of the group have broadened and the WI is now the largest voluntary women's organisation in the UK.

Opening up: Beanhill community mobiliser Kat Newman, *third left*, and chairman Pauline Eddy, *fourth left*, with some of the WI members

Women involved are given educational opportunities and the chance to build new skills, and they also campaign on issues that matter to them and their local communities.

The Woughton group are due to meet on the second Monday of each month, with the next meeting scheduled for February 11, between 7.30-9.30pm.

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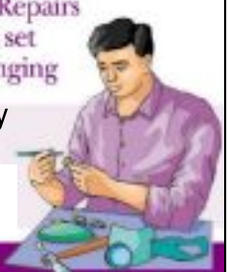

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Fancy dress: MK Dons fans get into the spirit in their onesies ahead of the cup clash at Loftus Road

PICTURES BY ANDY HANDLEY

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A RECORD MK Dons away following of 3,155 fans roared the team to one of the most famous victories in its history on Saturday.

Karl Robinson and his players masterminded an historic 4-2 win over Premier League QPR in the fourth round of the FA Cup and wrote a new chapter in the history of the club.

Goals from Dean Lewington, Ryan Lowe, Ryan Harley and Darren Potter were enough to stun Harry Redknapp's Hoops into submission at a shell-shocked Loftus Road.

Headache: Harry Redknapp looks glum as Dons turn on the style

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MK EDUCATION

GB swimmer visits school

AN OLYMPIC swimmer visited Akeley Wood School to give a speech to students.

Craig Gibbons, who swam for Team GB in London during the summer, visited the school to explain how he was picked for the Olympic sprint freestyle team.

He spoke about how he had struggled to reach the summer games, but spirit and determination had pulled him through.

During his speech, in which he sported his Team GB jacket, he invited one child up onto the stage to try on his trunks.

The children also enjoyed Craig's description of the Olympic Village, particularly stories about free McDonald's food on offer.

A spokesman for the school said: "Craig was brilliant. The kids absolutely loved it and some said it was the best speech they had ever listened to.

"We think Craig had a really good time as well and we're very thankful he came to see us."

Dons fan Craig later posted on Twitter: "Had a great time visiting Akeley Wood School today for a talk. Very funny, the kids were cracking me up!"

Olympic star: Team GB swimmer Craig Gibbons talks to pupils at Akeley Wood School about his experiences at London 2012

Really 'good' result for primary that's been on 'journey'

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A PREVIOUSLY failing school has turned around its fortunes and achieved a 'good' rating in its latest Ofsted inspection.

Great Linford Primary School achieved the score, the second highest available, in its latest inspection last year, which is a marked improvement from its 'inadequate' score just four years ago – the lowest possible grade.

That inspection in 2008 said although the school was trying to improve it had been through 'turbulent times', and this was detracting from teaching and learning. It stated 'significant' improvement was needed.

But the latest inspection says there is 'drive and ambition for improvement', pupils' progress is 'good and accelerating', there is effective leadership, and that the children talk about their school with pride.

Deputy headteacher Murray Brook said it is all down to the hard work of the staff.

"Teachers have been coming in early, and finishing late," he said.

"We look after every child and make sure no kid is left behind – we are always doing interventions with those who are falling behind.

"We've tightened up everything and put better processes in place.

"We've brought in lots of after school clubs, and attendance at those is increasing.

"There's also been a massive improvement in our SATs results. Standards have risen quite sharply.

"We've been on a nice journey over the last two to three years and things are starting to motor ahead."

School gets colour upgrade

A RUN-DOWN primary school has been given a complete makeover by parents and teachers as part of a nationwide regeneration initiative.

The Dulux Let's Colour Project splashed out on paint provisions for Swallowfield Lower School, in Woburn Sands, providing all the paint and equipment required by 17 volunteers from the community who rolled up their sleeves and picked up a paintbrush to turn the school into a vibrant, colourful space to inspire pupils.

Led by headteacher Mrs Brewer they transformed the building into a warm, welcoming and creative space.

Parents also gave a helping hand, working together with teachers and the Bedfordshire Community Payback team to brave the cold conditions and give the worn building a much-needed, colourful lift.

Dean Jackson, of the Milton Keynes Dulux Decorator Centre, said: "We are confident the colourful design will make a lasting difference to everyone in the area and brighten up lives."

A surprise guest at Oxley Park

Golden boy: Greg Rutherford meets pupils at Oxley Park Academy

CHILDREN at Oxley Park Academy had a special surprise guest at their traditional Winter Wonderland day when Olympic gold medallist Greg Rutherford made an appearance.

After cutting the ribbon and signing autographs, he toured the school, saw the 'Oxley Haka' performed, and took part in a special assembly before helping out in the day's festivities.

MKEDUCATIONBRIEFS

Fine art project

CHILDREN at an MK school showed off their work to visitors from the National Gallery. Pupils attending Stoke Goldington CE took part in the 'Take One Picture' project, and recreated items from still life painting such as a papier mache lobster, decorated drinking cups, and a lego lobster claw. The school has said that one pupil could be lucky enough to have their work on display in the National Gallery in London.

Kids should 'think big'

SCHOOL children aged nine-14 are being urged to enter a competition where they will write about their 'big dream' for the future. The competition, run by Kip McGrath Education Centres in Milton Keynes, invites young people to write about their hopes and aspirations. Winning entries will be featured in a book.

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Rock out to the classics performed live on stage

A HOST of the world's most iconic rock classics are set to be performed live on stage at MK Theatre on Monday.

The Classic Rock Show features tracks from legendary albums like Pink Floyd's Dark Side of the Moon and The Wall, Elton John's Goodbye Yellow Brick Road, AC/DC's Back In Black, Meat Loaf's Bat Out of Hell, The Eagles' Greatest Hits and more.

The eight-strong band describe the two-and-a-half-hour show as 'the classic rock fan's ultimate live jukebox'.

From Dire Straits' Money For Nothing through to Lynyrd Skynyrd's Free Bird, via Pink Floyd's Comfortably Numb, you will be taken on a tour of top notch, full throttle, air punching, guitar rocking, chorus singing, foot stomping sonic excitement, with a climax to the show that is not to be missed.

The Classic Rock Show had a critically acclaimed run last year, and in 2013 is touring with 19 dates across the country.

The show promises an unforgettable evening of classic hits that will have you rocking in your seats.

The show kicks off at 7.30pm, with tickets available from £20 by visiting www.atgtickets.com.

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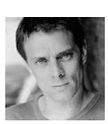
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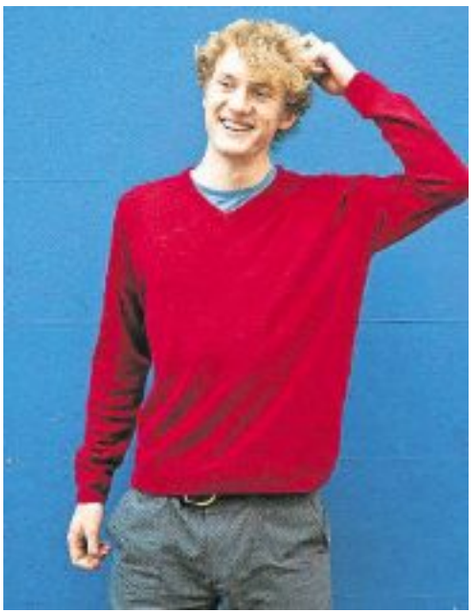

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JAMES Acaster will be tickling your funny bones at The Cannon in Newport Pagnell on Sunday, as That Time of The Month Comedy makes a return.

Known for recent appearances on Russell Howard's Good News and Dave's One Night Stand, Acaster has a confident yet laid-back style and excels at noticing the finer details in everyday life.

A former winner of the Laughing Boy new act of the year title who has supported the likes of Milton Jones, this promises to be a night of top humour.

The show starts at 7pm. Tickets are £6 and you can buy them by visiting www.wegottickets.com/event/196296.

slystallone

HE MAY be nearly 70, but Sylvester Stallone still packs a powerful punch.

The Rocky and Rambo star is back in a new action flick with a straight-to-the-point title – Bullet To The Head.

Sly plays a hitman who buddies up with a young cop (Sung Kang) on a quest for revenge.

The film is based on a book by Frenchman Alexis Nolent, called Du Plomb Dans La Tete, which also translates to Bullet To The Head.

Some say that Stallone is back to his best – a bold claim but one which means this is worth watching.

You can expect plenty of thrills and spills as this homage to 80s action movies is packed with full on action and some typical Sly moments.

There's also a host of one-liners delivered with some style that help to lighten the moment.

You won't have to battle with a complex storyline and it's unlikely this movie will trouble the Oscars. That said, it's a lot of fun and if you like action flicks you'll almost certainly enjoy it.

northnorthwest

ALFRED Hitchcock's classic North by Northwest is this week's Friday Night Film offering at MK Gallery.

If you're not familiar with the story in this iconic movie, it centres around an advertising executive, played by Cary Grant, who is framed for murder and pursued across the United States by a mysterious group of spies.

It was nominated for three Academy Awards and is full of famous scenes – including a particularly memorable one at Mount Rushmore. It has to go down as one of Hitchcock's finest.

Tickets cost £5 or £3 for concessions and there's a free complimentary drink for those who book in advance on 01908 676900.

RANGER Bob Streatfeild reflects on 2012 at Woburn Safari Park, which has seen many new arrivals and one very big departure!

LOOKING back at 2012 it was another great year at Woburn Safari Park and we're looking forward to lots of exciting new projects in 2013 as well.

We had lots of new arrivals at the park as well as a fantastic 30 babies born to our wonderful wild residents, including four baby bongo – a critically endangered antelope. The latest calf was male and named Mahari by keepers, giving animals authentic names from their country of origin; in Mahari's case – Kenya.

We've welcomed ring-tailed lemurs to the Land of the Lemurs walk-through, joining the red-bellied, red-fronted and black and white ruffed lemurs. The ring-tailed lemurs are very boisterous and have been making their presence known with their hooting and stink fights, where they scent mark their tails and wave them at each other – the smelliest wins!

We also move some animals on to other zoos when the time is right for them. Kito, a male giraffe, was loaded into a specialist moving vehicle to depart for his new home where he'll join a bachelor herd at Chessington World of Adventures. Keepers were delighted as Kito calmly walked aboard the truck within minutes and settled himself ready for the journey.

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WALK the plank with Tread the Boards productions in their latest fun-filled family show Treasure Island.

Robert Louis Stevenson's classic tale of pirates, mutiny and buried treasure is brought to life with songs, laughs and thrills. Join Jim Hawkins and Long John Silver in their quest to find a legendary hoard of pirate plunder.

Jim Hawkins lives at the Admiral Benbow Inn, where his mother is the landlady. He is kept busy doing odd jobs around the inn but in his spare moments he dreams of having adventures on the high seas.

Thanks to a drunken Irish seaman, a pirate's treasure map comes unexpectedly into his possession.

Treasure Island is a thrilling family adventure with songs, humour and some very desperate buccaneers.

The show kicks off on Friday at 7.15pm at the Chrysalis Theatre on Japonica Lane, Willen, and there are two shows on Saturday, at 2.30 and 7.15pm.

Tickets are £8.50 for adults and £6.50 concessions, from 01908 617908 or www.tread-the-boards.org.uk.

magicquest

IF magic is your thing then you may want to check out Ni No Kuni: The Wrath of the White Witch, released on Playstation 3 this week.

The role-playing game follows central character Oliver, who hopes to become a magician so he can bring back his mother from the dead.

To do this he takes a trip to a parallel world where he befriends a number of creatures and animals who can help him with his task.

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Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom is coming to Milton Keynes Theatre for two days only. From Tuesday, February 19–Wednesday, February 20, the BAFTA award-winning television animation from the makers of Peppa Pig is live on stage for the first time.

Holly is a young Fairy Princess, who is still learning how to fly and her magic doesn't always go quite according to plan. Her best friend, Ben the Elf, doesn't have wings and he doesn't do magic, but he runs very fast and flies on the back of Gaston the Ladybird. They live in the Little Kingdom, a tiny land where flowers and grass rise high above them and every day is an adventure.

Ben and Holly have fun and games helping Gaston the Ladybird clean up his messy cave. They go on a trip into The Big World with tooth fairy Nanny Plum, even planning a surprise birthday party for King Thistle, and oops, let's hope there's not another jelly flood!

Packed full of games, songs and laughter, MK NEWS is giving your family the chance to join Ben and Holly and their friends on this exciting musical adventure at Milton Keynes Theatre!

We have a family ticket up for grabs for the 4pm performance on Wednesday, February 20 – simply answer the following question for your chance to win:

What creature is Gaston?

Send your answer, together with your name, address and daytime telephone number, to competitions@mk-news.co.uk or MK NEWS, 1 Diamond Court, Fox Milne, MK15 0DU. Closing date for entries is noon on Wednesday, February 6. The editor's decision is final.

Terms and conditions apply. A family ticket consists of four tickets. Tickets are non-transferable and the winner must be able to attend the 4pm performance on Wednesday, February 20.

colinblunstone

BEST known as the vocalist for 60s group The Zombies, Colin Blunstone has taken time out to concentrate on his solo efforts.

Backed up by his four-piece band, Blunstone is widely regarded as possessing one of the best voices in the British music scene for the last 40 years.

Fresh from releasing his 11th and latest studio album, On The Air Tonight, in October last year, Blunstone takes you on a journey of his personal favourites from the past few decades.

Likely to feature are new songs such as salsa-inspired 'Dancing In The Starlight', and Zombies classics like 'She's Not There'.

Colin Blunstone appears at The Stables on Tuesday at 8pm. Tickets cost £19.50.

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The regular house night at the Slug and Lettuce in the Theatre District turns one on Friday night, and has pulled together a special line-up to celebrate.

The event is £2 on the door, with 50 per cent of the proceeds going to Willen Hospice.

moonwalking

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selfportraits

A SPECIAL exhibition featuring women in Milton Keynes is currently on show at MK Gallery.

Entitled woMEn and showing at the gallery's Project Space until February 3, the exhibition showcases self portraits from females across the city.

The culmination of a series of workshops with charity Inter-Action MK and artist Elizabeth Beston (aka ShutterBetty), the participants were taught the medium of photography as an autobiographical tool to consider, contemplate and express their personal experiences.

pastvoices

A PLAY which aims to help people understand the implications of the Holocaust is launched at Stantonbury Theatre tomorrow.

Voices of the Holocaust is a new company in MK, which includes Holocaust education specialist Cate Hibbert.

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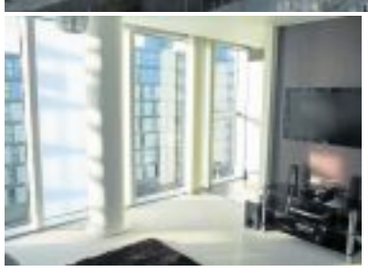

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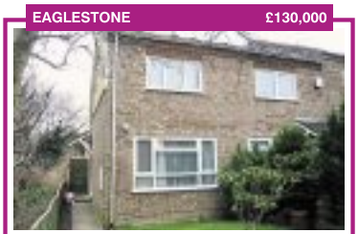

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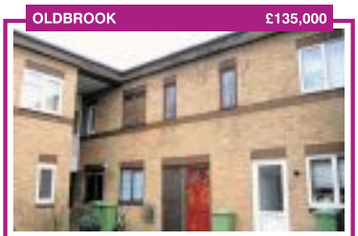

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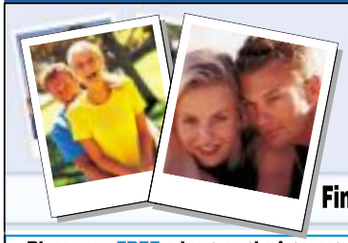

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Closing date: **Wednesday 6th February 2013 5pm.**
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Application pack admin@ymcabedfordshire.org.uk or download from our Website www.ymcabedfordshire.org.uk
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THE A5 TRUNK ROAD (ABBEY HILL ROUNDABOUT, MILTON KEYNES) SLIP ROADS (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport has made an Order on the A5 Trunk Road in Milton Keynes to enable works to install replacement lighting ducts and cables to be carried out in safety.

The works are expected to take place over 4 weeks (8pm to 6am) beginning on or after Monday 11 February 2013.

The effect of the Order will be to close, in turn, the northbound and southbound entry slip roads from the A422 at Abbey Hill Roundabout – diverting traffic wanting to join the northbound carriageway south to the A509 Portway Interchange; and traffic wanting to join the southbound carriageway north to the A5/A508/A422 Interchange.

The closures (which will not apply to emergency service, traffic officer, works or winter maintenance vehicles) and diversion routes will be clearly indicated by traffic signs throughout the works.

The Order will come into force on 4 February 2013 and have a maximum duration of eighteen months.

Mrs A V Middleton, An official of the Highways Agency

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Closing date: 12 noon 1st February 2013
Interviews week commencing: 4th February 2013

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Interview date: 11 March 2013.

CVs will not be accepted for any posts based in schools.

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Closing date: Tuesday, 19th February 2013.
Interview date: w/c 25th February 2013.

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300 Sixth Form

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The School has its own salary scale which is well above the national scale. Accommodation may be available and there is generous fee remission for children of teaching staff of all the Harpur Trust Schools in Bedford.

Further details are available from
Sarah Lapidge, Bedford School,
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A copy of the job description and an application form is available to download from the School's website (www.bedfordschool.org.uk). Applications should be returned to the Head Master no later than midday on Friday 8th February 2013.

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Interview Date
28th February 2013

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Required as soon as possible
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For further information on these positions, please visit our website to download Job Description, Person Specification and Application Form, or email the school.

Closing Date: Wednesday, 30 January 2013
Interviews: See Website for specific dates
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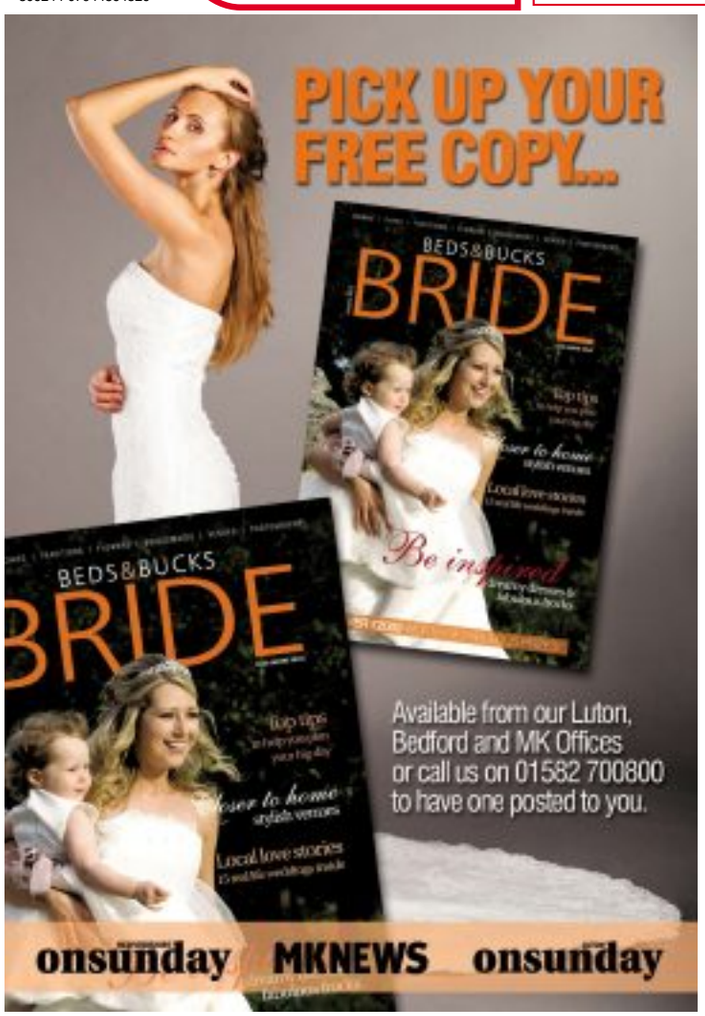

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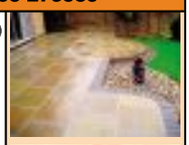
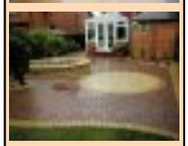
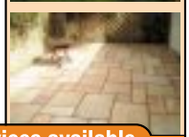

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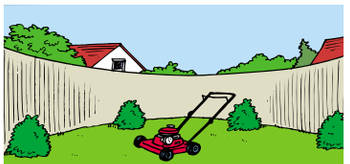

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Civic Offices
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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(1, 3 AND 5 WATERSIDE, PEARTREE BRIDGE, MILTON KEYNES) CLEARANCE AREA NOTICE PURSUANT TO PART IX OF THE HOUSING ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that due to the existence of a category 1 hazard as defined under section 2 of the Housing Act 2004; the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes in exercise of its powers under Section 289(2) of the Housing Act 1985 intends, to declare a clearance area to include those buildings known as nos 1, 3, and 5 Waterside situate at Peartree Bridge, Milton Keynes.

The effect of this declaration will be to allow the Council to pass a resolution declaring the said area to be a clearance area and to purchase the land comprised in the area for the purposes of securing its clearance by demolition of the buildings on the land either by itself or otherwise.

The Council hereby invites comments and representations from any persons who have an interest in the affected buildings or land. Any such persons who wish to comment or to make a representation must do so in **writing**. All comments and representations should be addressed to the Assistant Director, Law and Governance, Legal Services, Civic Offices, Milton Keynes Council, MK9 3EJ **to be received no later than Monday 4th March 2013.**

Ifty Ali, Acting Assistant Director, Law and Governance 30th January 2013
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes MK9 3EJ

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(SALFORD ROAD (PART), BROOKLANDS) (TEMPORARY SPEED RESTRICTION) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 30 January 2013 made an Order under Section 14(4) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 because works to construct carriageway widening and drainage crossings are to be carried out along part of Salford Road, Brooklands, Milton Keynes. The effect of this is to temporarily prohibit vehicular traffic from proceeding at a speed in excess of 40 mph along both sides of the length of road stated below, whilst the works are being carried out:-

That length of Salford Road, Brooklands, from its junction with the A5130 Newport Road to its junction with the M1 Overbridge (a distance of approximately 1,300 metres).

It is anticipated that the restrictions will be in effect for the whole 24 hours of every day, commencing on Monday 4 February 2013 and ending on Sunday 4 August 2013. If works are completed sooner the original 60 mph speed limit will be reinstated if it is safe to do so.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order other than for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles being driven on operational duties.

The Order will come into operation on 4 February 2013 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the earlier. If the works are not completed within the period stated, a further order may be made.

The temporary speed restriction will be signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

Any person committing a breach of the Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 30 January 2013
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(NEWPORT ROAD (PART), WOLVERTON) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 30 January 2013 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which is to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along that part of Newport Road, Wolverton, Milton Keynes from its junctions with Wolverton Road and the V6 Grafton Street, whilst excavation works are carried out in order to install a new drainage connection to the main sewer for the new station building at Wolverton Train Station. It is anticipated that the temporary road closure will be in effect from 1 February 2013 until 31 March 2013, however these dates may change should inclement weather occur. The road may re-open early if works are complete and it is safe to do so.

Whilst the temporary closure is in effect the alternative route will be via the V6 Grafton Street, and along Wolverton Road, Wolverton and vice versa.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order, other than for emergency services vehicles, and military vehicles whilst being driven on operational duties.

Whilst the temporary closure is in effect the existing temporary one-way traffic system and the temporary parking places situated along part of Wolverton Road will be suspended.

The temporary closure and its alternative route will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary restrictions will be in force on the dates shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, and these will be displayed in the affected road a few days in advance of commencement of the works.

The Order comes into operation on 1 February 2013 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the said works have been completed, which ever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 30 January 2013
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(STOKE GOLDINGTON ROAD, RAVENSTONE) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has, on the 30th January 2013, made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to enable works to be carried out, namely works to install a new water connection to Mannings Farm, Ravenstone. The effect of this will be to temporarily prohibit vehicular access along Stoke Goldington Road from its junction with Mount Pleasant, Stoke Goldington to its junction with Ravenstone Mill Road, Ravenstone. It is anticipated that the closure will be in effect from Wednesday 6th February 2013 to Friday 8th February 2013, inclusive.

The alternative route for traffic will be via Mount Pleasant, Stoke Goldington, then left onto the High Street, Stoke Goldington, continue along High Street, then left onto Ravenstone Mill Road and vice versa.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order other than for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles on operational duties.

Access will be maintained for Mannings Farm, Ravenstone.

Advance information signs will be placed at either end of the affected road a few days before the works are due to take place.

The Order will come into operation on 6th February 2013 and will continue in force for a period of up to a maximum of 18 months or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the earlier. If the works are not completed within the period stated, a further Order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 30 January 2013
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(REAR ACCESS ROADS (PARTS), BETWEEN STRATFORD ROAD AND CHURCH STREET AND BETWEEN BUCKINGHAM STREET AND CHURCH STREET, WOLVERTON) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this notice, to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Its effect will be to temporarily prohibit all access along parts of the following two sections of rear access roads in Wolverton:

1. that section of the rear access road running parallel to and to the rear of Stratford Road and Church Street, Wolverton from its junction with Radcliffe Street for a distance of approximately 80 metres in an easterly direction to a point at the rear of number 8 Stratford Road.

The alternative route for all traffic will be to proceed via Church Street and Radcliffe Street and vice versa.

2. that section of the rear access road running parallel to and to the rear of Buckingham Street and Church Street, Wolverton, from its junction with Cambridge Street for a distance of approximately 70 metres in an easterly direction to a point at the rear of number 91b Church Street.

The alternative route for pedestrians will be to proceed via Cambridge Street and Buckingham Street and vice versa. There is no alternative route available for vehicular traffic.

The Council is satisfied that both these temporary closures are necessary to enable works to be carried out, namely, works to install new water connections to the rear of both number 8 Stratford Road and 91b Church Street, Wolverton. It is anticipated the temporary closures will be from Friday 8th February 2013 until Tuesday 12th February 2013, inclusive. Each alleyway will only be closed for one to two days within this period and only when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, which will be erected in advance of any road closure.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of this Order, except for emergency service vehicles.

The proposed Order will come into operation on the 8th February 2013 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the said works have been completed, which ever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further Order may be made with the consent of the Secretary of State.

Any person committing a breach of the Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 30 January 2013
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (WOLVERTON ROAD (PART), WOLVERTON) (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2011

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the works connected with the redevelopment of Wolverton Railway Station have not been completed within the timescale originally envisaged and therefore the restrictions brought into effect under the provisions of the above Order made by the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes on the 16th November 2011, under Sections 14(1) and (4) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 will be extended beyond the dates previously notified.

TAKE NOTICE that it is now intended to continue to temporarily impose the following restrictions :-

To temporarily impose a one way traffic flow system by prohibiting all vehicles from proceeding along Wolverton Road, Wolverton from its junction with Stratford Road and Newport Road at the mini roundabout adjacent to Wolverton Station to its junction with Haversham Roundabout, Wolverton other than in a northerly direction.

Whilst the one way traffic system is in effect the alternative route for southbound traffic will be to proceed via the V6 Grafton Street in a south easterly direction to Stonebridge Roundabout, then turn right onto the Newport Road to the mini roundabout adjacent to Wolverton Station.

To temporarily impose a 30mph speed limit restriction along that part of Wolverton Road, Wolverton from its junction with Stratford Road and Newport Road at the mini roundabout adjacent to Wolverton Station to its junction with Haversham Roundabout, Wolverton.

To temporarily introduce 25 unrestricted free parking bays along that part of the eastern kerbline of Wolverton Road, Wolverton from its junction with Stratford Road and Newport Road at the mini roundabout adjacent to Wolverton Station to its junction with Haversham Roundabout, Wolverton.

The provision of these temporary parking bays is to accommodate commuter parking whilst the Wolverton railway station car park is redeveloped.

BUSES

For the duration of the Order whilst the restrictions are in force, the bus stop located on the east side of Wolverton Road will be temporarily suspended from use and relocated to the existing bus stop west of the railway bridge on Stratford Road, Wolverton

The extended temporary restrictions will now continue in force until 20th May 2013.

All other provisions of the Order remain as previously notified on 16th November 2011.

Any person committing a breach of any movement restrictions of the Order shall be liable upon prosecution to such fine as prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Any person committing a breach of any waiting restrictions of the Order shall be liable upon issue of such penalty charge as prescribed by Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 30 January 2013
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Milton Keynes Council

The following applications may be inspected at the Planning, Economy and Development Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

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12/02673/LBC	Internal refurbishment of Lakeview One Wing, removal of existing rear terrace, erection of single storey rear extension to form terrace at ground level and Community Outreach Hub at lower ground level linked to existing Day Centre at Hospice of Our Lady And St John, Milton Road, Willen
12/02674/FUL	Replacement of existing doors from car park to rear bedroom wing and rear bedroom wing to courtyard at The Cock Hotel, 72-74 High Street, Stony Stratford
12/02675/LBC	Listed building consent for replacement of existing doors from car park to rear bedroom wing and rear bedroom wing to courtyard at The Cock Hotel, 72-74 High Street, Stony Stratford
13/00066/FUL	Part garage conversion and associated works; internal alterations (retrospective) at The Granary, Olney Road, Weston Underwood
13/00067/LBC	Listed building consent for part garage conversion and associated works; internal alterations (retrospective) at The Granary, Olney Road, Weston Underwood
SECTION 67	**LISTED BUILDING**
12/02693/LBC	Listed building consent for conservatory extension to rear at 13 Garden Lane, Tyringham

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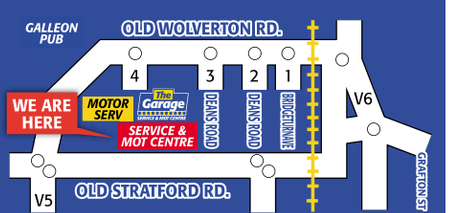

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From left to righ: Izale McLeod shows his frustration; Adam Chicken rides a tackle and Karl Robinson gives the thumbs up.
All pictures: Andy Handley

‘Dons are not getting the rub of the green from referees’

FROM BACK PAGE

with a fine curling finish. There was an injury blow for Dons when Ryan Lowe limped off to be replaced by on-loan Sheffield Wednesday man Chris Lines after half an hour, as the wind and rain began to make life increasingly difficult for the players.

Dons did not test home keeper Marek Stech in the opening half an hour but they took advantage of some slack home defending to level.

Kay was left completely unmarked from a corner and once he got his head to the ball a goal was the only likely outcome.

It perhaps should have been two by the break but McLeod swung at fresh air after Stech had parried away Chicksen’s initial effort.

The start of the second half was a quiet affair but the match exploded into life shortly after the hour mark following Kay’s red card.

“I was told by an official that I’m too honest,” Robinson said.

“Shaun Williams nearly got his leg broken in the middle of the park and there wasn’t even a booking for it, and McLeod got punched twice.

“Luckily we’ve got fantastic video footage of all the incidents. Can you remember how many times we’ve won a game with a refereeing decision this season? It’s never.”

The red set up an awkward last half an hour for Dons who then had to face a pumped up Yeovil with ten men.

Madden broke free and steered a shot over the bar, but he made no mistake with a glancing header from Sam Foley’s cross which restored the hosts’ advantage.

After scoring four at Premier League QPR, Stech was largely untested and Dons were brought back to earth with a bump.

Robinson said that his side would be ready for what looks like a crucial spell of games for his side, with his team slipping adrift of the play-off spaces, albeit with games in hand.

Matches against promotion rivals Bournemouth and Doncaster are looming and there will also be a number of midweek clashes thanks to postponements and the FA Cup run.

“We’ve got three or four games against teams around us so we’ve got to make them pay when they come along,” Robinson said. “It’s a difficult time of the year but we’re ready and willing for the challenge. It will be a mental ask as you have travelling, and getting up for games on Saturday and Tuesday. But they are paid to play football.”

Yeovil: Stech, Ayling, McAllister, Webster, Upson, Hayter (Appiah 59), Foley, Madden, Burn, Dolan (Edwards 59), Dawson. Unused subs: Hinds, Blizzard, G.Williams, Stewart, Young.

Dons: Martin, Otsemobor (Smith 80), Lewington, S.Williams, Kay, Bowditch, Lowe (Lines 30), Harley (Doumbe 64), McLeod, Potter, Chicksen. Unused subs: Flanagan, Baldock, Alli, Ismail. Att: 3,152 (99).

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MK Dons assistant boss MICK HARFORD writes exclusively for MK News every week

EVERYONE played their part in an excellent day for the club at Queens Park Rangers on Saturday.

The FA Cup is a competition which is in my blood and it was a magnificent victory for us.

Last week I spoke about how much I was looking forward to returning to Loftus Road, a club I have worked at twice, and we were all welcomed back warmly.

It’s a club I have a great affiliation for which has a great set of fans, and it is always nice to return there and watch your team play on the tight pitch.

Despite all that, it was obviously nice to go back to my old club and pick up a memorable victory.

Supporters followed us in record numbers and played a massive part in us getting the result.

When we arrived on the coach we were cheered into the ground which was amazing and unexpected.

The fans were tremendous and helped us from the warm-up until the final whistle, and we are so pleased that we were able to put on a good performance for them.

It was an excellent display, as only in this competition could we be 4-0 up at Queens Park Rangers after 55 minutes after drawing 0-0 with Cambridge City in the first round.

There were a few giant killings over the weekend although I wasn’t involved in any during my career.

Our dressing room was obviously buoyant but the gaffer warned everyone that there is a lot of hard work still to come in our promotion bid, so nobody is getting carried away.

We have a busy day or two ahead of the transfer window closing and have constantly been on the phone trying to sign players to improve the squad.

FIXTURES

SAT	BOURNEMOUTH (H)
FEB 9	OLDHAM (A)
FEB 12	DONCASTER (A)
FEB 16	BARNSLEY (H) (FAC)
FEB 23	CARLISLE (A)

LEAGUE ONE TABLE

		Home					Away						
Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Tranmere	29	8	4	2	25	11	8	4	3	21	15	20	56
Doncaster	28	7	2	5	18	16	10	3	1	25	9	18	56
Swindon Town	28	8	4	3	32	8	6	4	3	17	11	30	50
Brentford	28	8	4	2	24	15	5	7	2	17	12	14	50
Bournemouth	29	8	6	1	29	13	5	4	5	21	26	11	49
Sheffield United	28	6	6	2	23	15	6	6	2	16	11	13	48
Yeovil Town	28	7	2	5	21	16	7	1	6	24	23	6	45
Coventry City	30	5	5	5	22	18	7	3	5	27	20	11	44
Notts County	28	5	3	6	18	17	6	7	1	23	12	12	43
MK Dons	27	8	3	3	22	13	4	4	5	17	15	11	43
Crawley Town	27	6	3	4	22	19	6	2	6	14	20	-3	41
Walsall	30	6	4	5	21	22	5	4	6	19	23	-5	41
Crewe Alexandra	28	7	2	4	15	12	4	5	6	20	25	-2	40
Stevenage	26	3	5	5	17	24	8	2	3	17	12	-2	40
Leyton Orient	29	7	2	6	16	15	5	2	7	16	21	-4	40
Preston	28	3	7	5	19	19	5	4	4	18	17	1	35
Carlisle United	28	5	3	7	21	30	4	3	6	14	20	-15	33
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Oldham Athletic	29	3	3	8	13	18	4	3	8	15	23	-13	27
Colchester	28	5	3	6	18	19	2	2	10	9	25	-17	26
Scunthorpe	28	1	5	7	13	25	5	3	7	16	23	-19	26
Bury	28	2	5	6	12	19	2	6	7	15	23	-15	23
Portsmouth	28	3	2	10	15	22	2	4	7	15	27	-19	21
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FOOTBALL

Dons eye loan bids

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"There's one or two targets that I've got who I want to bring in on loan until the end of the season, a forward who can play wide and also another wide player," Robinson said.

"But the cup money fills the gaps at a football club. There's other areas where it may have to go to fill the voids of years gone by and I understand that."

The manager's choice of positions might hint at returns for two previous loanees – Chelsea forward Patrick Bamford and QPR winger Angelo Balanta – who Robinson has said he would like to bring back to Milton Keynes.

"I want to be full of energy at the top end of the pitch," he said.

"You see that a lot of the big teams recruit forwards at this period of time as they understand that is the hardest position to play.

"You have to work the hardest so your rotation at that end of the pitch constantly needs freshness put into it."

The club will also be expecting enquiries about its own players as the end of the window nears, especially after the win over Harry Redknapp's QPR which put star performers into the shop window.

Shaun Williams is one player in particular who is believed to have attracted interest from Championship clubs.

"I want it to close quickly as one or two of my players will be on a few people's lists," Robinson said.

"Alan McInally killed me on Sky and said that Williams would be someone everyone would be chasing.

"But the players deserve that credit and that fame."

Robinson revealed after the QPR match that his father Kevin was recovering from a heart attack.

"Thankfully he's come over the back of that now," he said.

"He's out of hospital. He'll have watched the results come in, and I'm sure it will have gone some way to getting him on the mend."

EASY, EASY: Darren Potter celebrates the fourth goal at QPR

ICE HOCKEY

Poole hangs up skates

SKATE OFF: Nick Poole has decided to hang up his skates

LIGHTNING player coach Nick Poole has retired from playing after 13 years and seven trophies in Milton Keynes.

The 39-year-old Canadian-born forward made the shock announcement on Thursday and will now solely coach the side from the bench.

Poole's decision, which he said was made with a "tinge of sadness", freed up an import spot in Lightning's line-up, which was quickly filled by new Finnish arrival Janne Jokila. He said the move was made with the long-term interests of the side in mind.

"I believe by stepping behind the bench I can raise our team's accountability and add value," said Poole.

"I also have not been 100 per cent happy with my own performances and feel that by bringing in a younger and fresher face to our line up we can add talent and scoring punch.

"I have been struggling with a back/neck injury for some time and feel this is both in the best interests of the team and my own health."

Last weekend's 5-4 defeat to Swindon Wildcats turned out to be Poole's last game. He said it was one which highlighted "inconsistencies" in his team.

"At times we've played some great hockey but we've also struggled to find the required levels to win on the road and thus have not had any winning runs," he said.

"As coach it is ultimately my responsibility to make sure there is accountability for our performances as individuals and collectively."

Poole, who began playing ice hockey when studying at the University of New Hampshire in 1991, signed for the MK Kings in 1999 and, apart from the 2001 season, has played in the city ever since, increasing his involvement to become player coach and Director of Junior Development when Lightning formed in 2002.

He guided the side to the English Premier League title in 2004, 2005, and 2010 and has also steered the club to play-off success four times.

"I am incredibly proud of all the successes of Lightning and of being a part of it from the start," he said.

Lightning chairman Vito Rausa said the club supported Poole.

"I know we'll miss him on the ice, but I have no doubt he will make us better from the bench," he said.

"We're obviously sad but we respect his decision."

ICE HOCKEY

Lightning down leaders before defeat to Dogs

LIFE for MK Lightning without Nick Poole in the side began with a 2-1 home victory over English Premier League leaders Guildford Flames.

Goals from Michael Farn and Adam Brittle downed the table toppers at Planet Ice on Saturday but MK were again unable to make it two wins over the weekend, as they went down 3-2 at Sheffield Steeldogs on Sunday.

Janne Jokila, the new Finnish forward snapped up by the club to take Poole's import spot in the side, went straight into the line-up for the Guildford game just 24 hours after arriving from his native country.

There were no goals in the opening period but the match exploded into life in the second when Farn fired home a strike from the blue line to open the scoring, while Lightning were enjoying a five on three powerplay.

Netminder Stephen Wall put in a superb performance to continually frustrate Guildford. At the other end Jokila only narrowly missed out on bagging his first goal for the club.

In the end, Lightning had to wait until there were a little under five minutes to play to seal their victory, after Brittle was released by Leigh Jamieson.

There was still time for Curtis Heppe to score for Guildford, leading to some nervous final moments, but it was too little, too late for the Flames.

The Sheffield clash was a frustrating and bruising encounter for Lightning who lost forward Nick Chinn to a bicep muscle tear.

Great Britain man Jamieson was also ejected from the game after a fight with Sheffield's player coach Andre Payette.

Farn opened the scoring for Lightning but Andrew Hirst's double for the Steeldogs put them in front before Lloyd Gibson extended their lead. The visitors then grabbed a late consolation through Kamil Tvrdek.

Lightning host Peterborough this Saturday, and travel to Guildford on Sunday.

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HOCKEY

THE weather played havoc with MK Hockey Club's schedule but the Ladies' firsts did manage to get their game on as they made the trip to Sonning.

In the end though it was a journey to forget as Sonning recorded a 5-0 victory, leaving MK looking for their first points of 2013.

It was clear from an early stage it would be a tough game for the visitors as Sonning earned a series of penalty corners in the opening stages.

They led 3-0 at half-time but MK were unlucky not to score themselves after Lucia Martinez Lopez and Gemma Meredith both went close.

Sonning struck twice again after the break, and despite winning a string of penalty corners MK were unable to convert any into a consolation goal.

The result means the city side have slipped to ninth in the South Club's Division 3A league table.

Elsewhere, the Mens' seconds were also in action, losing 3-2 away at OMT, but the fifths won 7-5 at Eastcote.

BOBSLEIGH

THERE was a 19th placed finish for Craig Pickering at he Bobsleigh World Championships in St Moritz, Switzerland.

The MK sprinter was competing at the worlds just a month after being convinced to take up the sport alongside athletics, and was brakeman to driver John Jackson in Great Britain's two man team.

Pickering said that it was a "pretty good weekend" after the duo claimed an overall time of four minutes, 28.20 seconds after their four runs.

BADMINTON

ALYSSA Lim insists the time for talking is over as the Milton Keynes badminton ace puts her new partnership with Marcus Ellis to the test at the England National Championships this weekend.

Despite reaching the semi-final of the women's doubles last year alongside Jess Fletcher, Lim's mixed doubles assault was one to forget as she and James Lauder exited in round two.

But this year's competition, held in Manchester, looks set to be different as the 22-year-old is now partnered with Marcus Ellis in the mixed doubles.

"The Nationals is one we obviously want to do well in – I think everyone does because it's such a big event," she said.

"Marcus and I want to see where we can go, we'll need to be starting to get competitive at competitions and that will be where we need to start performing.

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Robinson blasts Yeovil as Dons lose ground

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KARL Robinson said Yeovil's Patrick Madden "cheated" to get Antony Kay sent off as Dons slipped to a 2-1 League One defeat last night.

Defender Kay headed Dons level in Somerset but was then dismissed following a clash with Madden who bagged both of the Glovers goals.

Referee Mick Russell consulted with his assistant before making his decision which angered Dons.

"The guy is yards away from Antony Kay and he's turned round and ran at him," Dons boss Robinson said.

"Antony's running back to recover and the guy has stopped a millimetre from his nose, he hasn't pushed out or lashed out and the guy has gone down holding his face. It's cheating."

The game went ahead in boggy conditions after a pitch inspection at Huish Park, and with lots of loose mud on the surface conditions were far from ideal for Robinson's brand of passing football.

Madden nearly opened the scoring for Yeovil with a low effort which crept just wide at the far post and Izale McLeod, playing only his second match since his return to Dons, sent a first time volley off target at the other end.

Neither side really clicked into gear in the early going but it was the Glovers who found an opener after suddenly producing a move of quality. Kevin Dawson whipped a cross into the box and Madden sent the ball out of David Martin's reach

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MK Dons' Antony Kay goes from hero ....

... to zero at Huish Park last night

Barnsley draw is just the ticket for Robinson after QPR cup heroics

KARL Robinson was not upset after Dons missed out on a glamour tie in the FA Cup fifth round as he believes his side now have a great chance of reaching the quarter-finals.

Dons ensured their adventure in the famous competition would continue after a 4-2 giant killing of Premier League Queens Park Rangers at Loftus Road on Saturday. Their reward was a home draw with Championship side Barnsley.

Chairman Pete Winkelman would no doubt have preferred a tie at a top Premier League club to boost the coffers, but Robinson said his hope was a draw that presented a realistic chance of progressing to the last eight.

"I think it's a great draw for us," Robinson said. "It's a fantastic opportunity for ourselves or Barnsley to get into the quarter finals.

"The chairman wants the headline fixture as it's £1million plus if you get a big team away.

"But I want to get as far in the FA Cup as we can and a draw like this could enable that to happen. It's the type of draw we were looking for.

"I'm over the moon with it and I think the players are too."

Dons were handed a home tie with Manchester United in the rehearsal draw but if they make it past Barnsley, who were 23rd in the Championship ahead of their league game with Millwall last night, they will be only be one win away from a semi-final at Wembley.

Robinson said the cup run had earned the club nearly £500,000 but claimed he did not expect to see any of that money ahead of transfer deadline day tomorrow.

Instead, he will look to bolster his ranks with further loan additions before the window closes, with a forward and wide player top of his list.

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Best Western Moore Place Hotel	www.mooreplace.co.uk
Blue Mark Entertainment	www.bluemarkentertainment.co.uk
Brampton Grange	www.bramptongrange.net
Bride & Joy	www.bride-and-joy.co.uk
Cakes by Shelly	www.cakesbyshelly.co.uk
Calico Moon	www.calicomoon.co.uk
Central Exhibitions Ltd	www.centralexhibitions.co.uk
Chair Cover & Accessory Hire by Chair Necessity	www.chairnecessity.co.uk
Chelsea Hire	www.chelseahire.co.uk
Chicheley Hall	www.chicheleyhall.co.uk
Chocolatier Chocolate Fountains	www.chocolatierfountains.co.uk
Creations Flowers	www.creationsflowers.co.uk
De-Vere Venues (Harben House)	www.devere.co.uk
Dingley Dell Designer Floristry	www.dingleydellnursery.co.uk
Elaine Sturges Florist	www.elainesturges.co.uk
Elenis Fashions	www.elenisfashions.co.uk
Elizabeth Jane Hair	www.elizabethjanehair.co.uk
Estilo Moda Ltd	www.estilomoda.co.uk
Fantasy Balloons and Venue Dressers	www.fantasyballoons.co.uk
Fawsley Hall Hotel	www.fawsleyhall.com
Flitwick Manor Hotel	www.menzieshotels.co.uk
Fogarty Formal Wear	www.fogarty-formalhire.co.uk
Garry Smith-Master of Ceremonies	www.theenglishtoastmaster.co.uk
Goldfinger Wedding Rings	www.goldfinger-rings.com
HD Wedding Films By Ultimate Visuals	www.ultimatevisuals.com
Hilton Milton Keynes	www.hilton.com
Hockleys	www.hockleyscakes.co.uk
Horwood House	www.principal-hayley.com
Ido! Photographic	www.idophotographic.co.uk
InEventive	www.ineventive.co.uk
Invite	www.in-vite.co.uk
John Lewis	www.johnlewis.com
Julia Charles Event Management	www.juliacharleseventmanagement.co.uk
Kathryn Deeley Wedding Stationery	www.kathryndeeley.co.uk
Keech Hospice Care	www.keech.org.uk
Lightdraw Photography Ltd	www.lightdraw.com
Love & Lilly Jewellery	www.loveandlilly.com
Love of Cupcakes	www.loveofcupcakes.co.uk
Love Mum	www.lovemumx.co.uk
Lucie Green Bridal	www.luciegreenbridal.co.uk
Maria Barry Photography	www.mariabarry.co.uk
Mercure Abbey Hill Hotel	www.abbeyhillhotel.com
Mercure Parkside Hotel	www.mercure-uk.com
MK Magic	www.thatsmagicchris.co.uk
MK Wedding Network	www.mkweddingnetwork.co.uk
Mobars	www.mobars.co.uk
Northamptonshire Registration Service	www.yourdaynorthants.com
Oakley Weddings	www.oakleyweddings.com
Old Palace Lodge Hotel	www.oldpalacelodge.com
Old English Inns	www.oldenglishinns.co.uk
Pasticceria Amalfi Cakes	www.amalfipasticceria.co.uk
Paul Marshall Photography	www.paulmarshallstudios.co.uk
Perfect Tipple	www.perfecttipple.co.uk
Photoboothmania	www.photoboothmania.co.uk
Powder and Glow	www.powderandglow.com
Pure Rhythm Disco	www.purerhythmdisco.com
Quality Chair Covers Ltd	www.qualitychaircovers.co.uk
Questor Woburn Boutique	www.woburn-bridal.co.uk
Regardez-Vous Bridal	www.regardezvousbridal.moonfruit.com
Reid Photography	www.reidphotography.co.uk

Sale of ex-display Dresses

All dresses £100 - £450

By the catwalk

Friday only 5pm - 8pm

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Richard Heywood - Professional Toastmaster	www.professionaltoastmaster.com
Rushton Hall Hotel & Spa	www.rushtonhall.com
SBP Hair and Health	www.hairandhealth.co.uk
Serendipity Brides	www.serendipitybrides.co.uk
Silverstone Circuits Ltd	www.silverstone.co.uk
Smooch Rings	www.smoochrings.co.uk
Spirit Wedding Carriages (Horse & Carriage)	www.spiritweddingcarriages.co.uk
Starlite Limos	www.starlitelimohire.co.uk
Steffans Jewellers	www.steffans.co.uk
Style Your Day	www.styleyourday.co.uk
Sue Billington Floral Creations	www.suebillington.co.uk
Suitors	www.suitors.co.uk
Suzi Robinson (Make up Artist)	www.suzirobinson.co.uk
Sweet Dreams Lingerie	www.sweetdreams-bra.co.uk
Sweetness & Delight	www.sweetness-and-delight.co.uk
Sweet Rose Florists	www.sweetrose.co.uk
The Barns Hotel Bedford	www.barnshotelbedford.co.uk
The Blue Rinse Band	www.thebluerinse.co.uk
The Church Restaurant & Wedding Venue	www.thechurchrestaurant.com
The Dressmaker	www.dressmakerstudio.co.uk
The Flower Shop Woburn	www.theflowershopwoburn.co.uk
The Guest Factor	www.theguestfactor.com
The Ivory Wardrobe	www.theivorywardrobe.co.uk
The Jazz Brothers	none
The Kettering Park Hotel & Spa	www.shirehotels.com
The Swan Hotel, JD, Leighton Buzzard	www.jdwetherspoon.co.uk
The Tally Ho Hotel	www.tallyhotel.com
The Wedding Planner	www.the-weddingplanner.com
The Wedding Workshop	www.weddingworkshop.co.uk
Tiaras4u	www.tiaras4u.co.uk
Tippleston photography	www.tippleston.com
Titfers Hats & Tiaras	www.titfers.com
To Have & To Hold	www.tohaveandtoholddunstable.co.uk
Touch of Class (Catering)	www.touchofclasscatering.co.uk
Travel PA	www.travel-pa.com/angeleenn
Trotters Hire	www.trotters-hire.co.uk
Turner Carriages	www.turnercarriages.com
Victor Boss Formal Hire	www.victorboss.co.uk
Villiers Hotel	www.oxfordshire-hotels.co.uk
Weddings In One Place	www.weddingsinoneplace.co.uk
Weddings Made Simple (Planner)	www.weddingsmadesimple.co.uk
Whittlebury Park Golf & Country Club	www.whittlebury.com
Woburn Abbey Estate	www.woburn.co.uk
Woodland Flowers	www.woodland-flowers.co.uk
Woodland Manor Hotel	www.woodlandmanorhotel.co.uk
Xpressions Studio	www.xpressionsstudio.co.uk
Xquisite Bridal Wear	www.xquisitebridal.co.uk
Zastron Photography	www.zastronphotography.com

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